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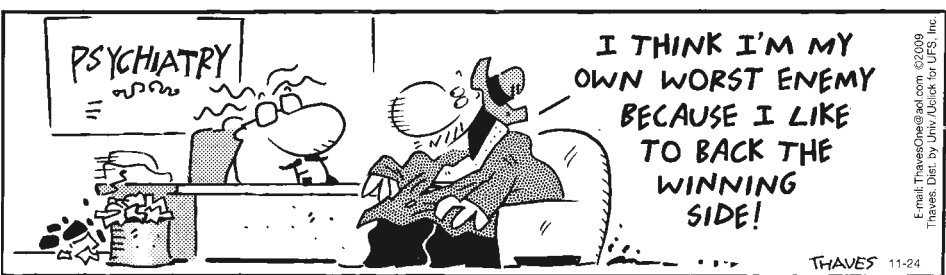
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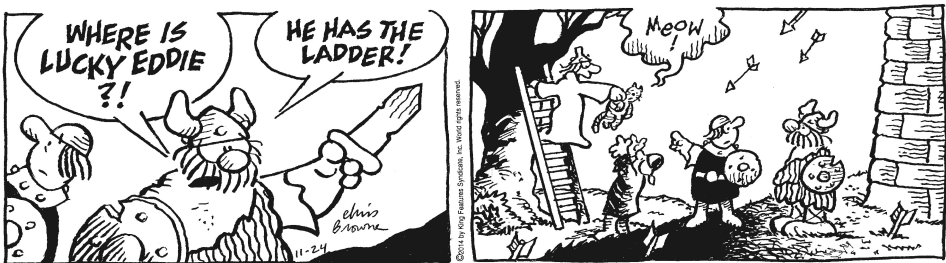
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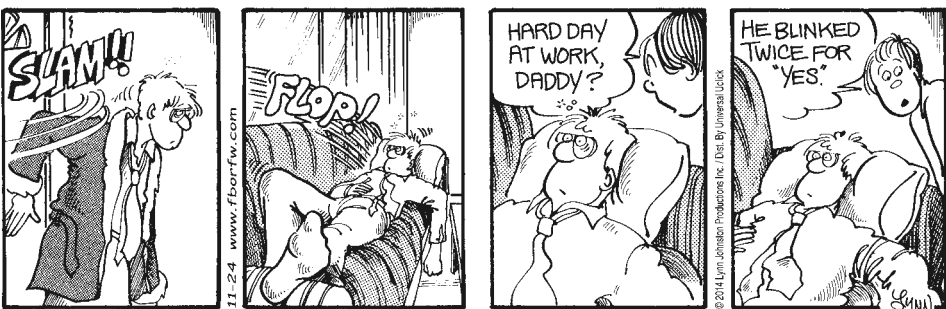
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Tardy Worker Who Was Fired Seeks Right Time To Explain It

DEAR ABBY: I was recently fired from my job for chronic tardiness. I have worked at this business for four years, and although I knew my lateness was seen as a problem by my boss, it was still a surprise.

Now that I'm back in the job market again, I'm wondering if I need to mention my previous tardiness on employment applications. I asked my mother, who has been privy to this whole mess. She thinks I should mention it and explain that I have learned my lesson — especially when applying to a different branch of my former company that would have direct access to my evaluations.

I think I should explain my tardiness as a "lesson learned" on job interviews when/if it comes up, not on applications where I am trying to put my best foot forward. What say you? — TARDY FOR WORK

DEAR TARDY: While I think your mother may mean well, I agree with YOU!

DEAR ABBY: When I was little I would have given anything to have met my father at least once. Now I am 26 and have a 2-year-old boy, "Sean." I am married, but not to his father (a man I'll call Charlie).

All of a sudden, Charlie is wanting to be in Sean's life, but Sean already knows my husband as his daddy. I'm confused and afraid. What's your advice? I don't want to confuse my little boy about the man who is raising him and his biological father, but I don't want to wait 'til Sean is older and cause him pain. — MOM IN TENNESSEE

DEAR MOM: It appears that Bio-Dad is a little slow on the uptake. Now that he wants to be part of Sean's life, he should also be paying child support if he doesn't already, so discuss this with a lawyer.

Charlie should be introduced to Sean by

his name for now. When the boy is old enough to understand — in a year or two — he should then be told that he has two dads and that he'll be sharing time with both of them because they both love him.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been dating for a year and a half. Last Thanksgiving I invited him — and he attended — my family's get-together. Of course, I invited him again this year.

However, his rich sister and brother-in-law are treating his family to Thanksgiving dinner at a nice restaurant. I was not invited.

My feelings are hurt, but I'm not sure I'm justified in feeling that way. Should I just get over it since I'm not actually a member of their family? — UNINVITED IN MISSOURI

DEAR UNINVITED: If you're smart, you'll be gracious about this. While it would have been nice if the sister had included you, you and your boyfriend are not engaged — and the sister may have wanted the dinner to be "strictly family." As the hostess, that is her privilege.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Sagittarius and a Moon in Capricorn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, NOV. 24, 2014:

This year you easily grab center stage. You have intensity, spirit and flair, and a new need to be practical. It is not always natural for you to be practical, but it eventually will become habit; it also will add to your success. You often might have to brainstorm with others to fulfill your goals. If you are single, you naturally attract a slew of admirers. Your choice depends on what type of relationship you desire. If you are attached, your sweetie will need to adjust to the practical element of this bond! CAPRICORN understands you better than you understand yourself.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

★★★ You'll assume a strategic role in whatever is going on around you. You are a natural leader. Listen to your inner voice in an interaction with a higher-up. Trust your gut and your decisions. Tonight: Find a more effective way of clearing out stress and frustration.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You are capable of seeing the bigger picture. Your ability to sense which way would be the best to proceed is likely to kick in. A friend might be able to offer yet another perspective. The more you understand, the better your choices will be. Tonight: Follow the music.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★★ You'll be ready to move in a new direction, but you could feel hesitant, as you might not be in agreement with someone else who is involved. See how you feel after you have an important conversation with this person. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Defer to others, and understand where they are coming from. Your ability to identify with people often proves helpful. A loved one will demonstrate his or her caring through a special invitation. With less responsibility, you will have some extra time. Tonight: Out and about!

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ You have a unique ability to draw others toward you. Be careful, as there could be an innate

competitiveness for your attention. Everyone will expect to feel the most important to you, because that is how you make each of them feel most of the time. Tonight: Run errands.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Some of you might be too distracted to focus on anything except a situation that seems to be consuming your life. Prioritize, and complete what is on your mind first. Later, you will be able to pay more attention on other concerns. Tonight: Accept a spontaneous invitation.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You could be taken aback by everything that is happening around you. In fact, you might need to isolate yourself in order to complete what you feel is imperative. Brainstorm with a friend or loved one who tends to be inspirational. Tonight: Buy a favorite treat on the way home.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You tend to be discreet, but you love the limelight, too. You might find that you are struggling between practical concerns and wanting to impress others. Know that you don't have to look at this situation in all black-or-white terms. Tonight: Return calls and emails.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You'll be able to get whatever you want right now, but understand that cost might be an issue. You also will want to evaluate the emotional toll it could take on you. You are an impulsive sign, so pat yourself on the back for thinking before acting. Tonight: Treat yourself.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★★ Your high energy will spur you to embrace what lies ahead. Tame a need to be glorified, as this characteristic will not serve you well. Keep your eye on the big picture and on your objectives, and you are likely to succeed. Tonight: Maintain a sense of humor.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

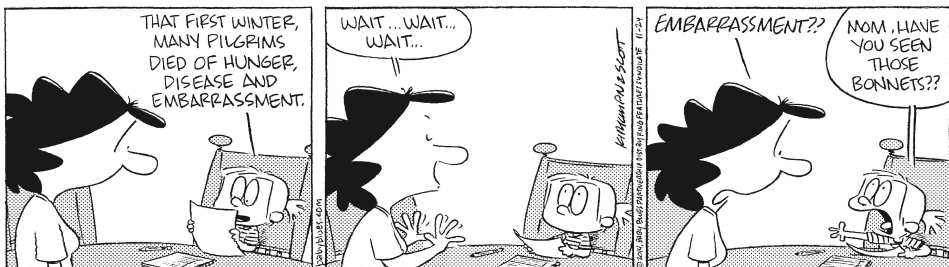
★★★ Others seek you out. You love being around people, but you could have a personal matter in your head that is draining you. You might want to consider asking for a rain check, and then planning a visit in the near future. Tonight: Take a much-needed personal night.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★★ With so much going on, you might need to zero in on your priorities. Some of you will have meetings to schedule; others will have personal matters to handle. Regardless, you are a sign that flourishes around people. Tonight: Be where your friends are.

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